



Ethnic confusion Britain! Differentiating 'Sikhs' From 'Asians'



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The report addresses the impact of and the responses to the discrimination that South Asians face since 9/11 and 7/7, focusing specifically on Sikhs in primarily Great Britain, however across western countries including Canada and the US. Through an online poll (via poll-daddy.com) conducted via the Blog 'Ethnic Confusion Britain' <http://ethnicconfusionbritain.blogware.com/blog>, over the course of 6 months from May – October 2007, the study revealed that 9/11 and 7/7 has had different effects on the identity, political participation, and grassroots mobilization efforts of members of the Sikh community.

The main findings of the study showed that British Sikh respondents, particularly those with turbans, were most affected by hate crimes and incidents in the immediate aftermath of 7/7 & 9/11 right through to the now, The Poll looked to shed some light in terms of quantitative data on the following question....

'What impact has ethnic confusion had on you since 9/11 and the 7/7 bombings?'

Notable findings from the report include: We had a total of 446 respondents to the Poll:

- ☐ 159 (36%) individuals voted that they were made to feel uncomfortable in public places since 9/11 and 7/7
- ☐ 82 (18%) individuals voted that they had been treated unfairly by colleagues
- ☐ 53 (12%) had been victims of stop and search at airports and stations as a direct consequence to 9/11 and 7/7
- ☐ 141 (32%) voted that they has been verbally taunted e.g. called names such as 'terrorist' or 'Bin Laden'
- ☐ 7 (2%) voted and had been victims of a physical attack

Dr. Satinder Singh, from Panjab Radio co-authored the report. "We now live in an era in which individuals that are or are perceived to be Arab or Muslim, including South Asians, are viewed with suspicion because of their religious background and/or the colour of their skin," said Dr. Satinder Singh. The full report will be available on request from the think tank www.ethnicconfusionbritain.co.uk.

Ethnic confusion Britain was founded in March 2007 to examine the mistreatment of minority communities during times of military action or 'the global war on terror'. The project specifically aims to chronicle such mistreatment in an information repository and to present the human consequences of this mistreatment in original reports. This report whose

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preliminary data has been released today is the first study sponsored by ethnic confusion Britain.

Hardeep Singh, a Founding member of ECB, notes that “the project was set up in order to catalogue and report on hate crimes against the community due to mistaken identity, confusion or quite simply ignorant racism. These crimes range from a derogatory comment to a turbaned Sikh like ‘Bin Laden’ right through to physical attacks on individuals. ECB aims to provide a bank of cases and a repository of data which can be evaluated and used by local and national government including such organisations such as the CRE”

The report discusses respondents reactions to various situations after 9/11 and 7/7. It also takes into account the work place related discrimination suffered by individuals during the ‘war on terror’. ECB plans to carry out further studies to evaluate further the impact of 9/11 and 7/7 in the workplace and the perceptions of individuals as to how this may or may not have affected for example their chance of promotion. The true impact and ramifications of 9/11 and 7/7 will be further understood with further polls and studies within different micro/macro environments including the workplace, foreign travel, airport experience and other social settings.

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